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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 10-14, drawn to a WDM system comprising a transmitting module, a receiver module and a switch, classified in class 398, subclass 68.
- II. Claims 6-9 and 15-18, drawn to a method for monitoring the quality of signals in each channel, classified in class 398, subclass 33.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are unrelated because invention I is related to a WDM system comprising a transmitting module, a receiver module and a switch. Invention II related to a method for monitoring the quality of signals in each channel. The invention I and II different because invention I does not include the method for monitoring the quality of signals in each channel.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dzung D Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3025. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

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